

The Bollard Project, 2014

Jim Drain

Commissioning Agency: PortMiami

Envisioned by artist Jim Drain, *The Bollard Project* uses bright, expressive color combinations to transform the utilitarian function of bollards into a signature work of public art for PortMiami. The artist designed bollards are thoughtfully arranged in color sequences and rigorous geometries that reference maritime flag signage. When the installation is viewed as a whole, the vibrant colors and rhythmic patterns recreate the celebratory 'bon voyage' moments experienced by all cruise passengers.

Jim Drain was born in Cleveland, Ohio (1975) and is currently based in Miami, Florida. Drain has exhibited extensively throughout the United States and Europe; he was awarded the Baloise Prize for his Statements exhibition at Art Basel in 2005, he completed a DAAD residency in Berlin in 2008 and will soon complete a site-specific commission for a new U.S. Embassy compound in Rabat, Morocco. His work is held in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, among others.